

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
Vanderburgh 4-H Center
Evansville, IN
Indianapolis, Indiana
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Attendance

SSCB Members

Bill Mann

Bob Eddleman

Nola Gentry

Warren Baird

Larry Clemens

Audience

Ken Eck, ISDA

Rob Brown, ISDA

Gary Seibert, ISDA

Don Ryan, ISDA

Tammy Lawson, ISDA

Jerod Chew, ISDA

Deb Fairhurst, ISDA

Cris Goode, ISDA

Jane Hardisty, NRCS

Darrell Rice, NRCS

Keri Bilbo, NRCS

Brad Millis, NRCS

Pam Davidson, NRCS

Linda Powell, SWCD, RC&D

Ann Ice, SWCD

Jeri Ziliak, SWCD

Judi Brown, Dubois SWCD

Norma Duckworth, SWCD

Geralyn Bradley, Warrick SWCD

Ethel Osborn, Gibson SWCD

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bob Eddleman called the meeting to order. This SSCB meeting is second of a series meetings the SSCB plans to hold around the state in different Regions. Eddleman requested the Board and audience introduce themselves.

II. Draft Minutes of June 13, 2006

Bill Mann moved to approve the minutes as drafted Nola Gentry seconded and motion carried.

III. Strategic Plan Agenda Structure

Eddleman explained that the SSCB has adopted the ICP Strategic Plan Agenda to conduct its meetings.

IV. Leadership Development:

A. Supervisor Resignations/Appointments-Cris Goode

Madison County has received the resignation of board member Crist Blassaras and recommends that David Jones be appointed to replace him.

Warren Baird moved to approve the resignation and appointment. Gentry seconded and the motion carried.

- B. Leadership Development Workgroup Update-Jerod Chew
 - The Leadership Institute pilot is still moving forward in NE.
 - DSSs are continuing to provide training as needed and assisting with Annual Conference.
 - SSCB has increased the CWI District Training Incentive to \$750 this year.
- C. SWCD Support/Updates-Jerod Chew
 - DSS at full staff. The DSSs reported that they have met with all counties about CWI and have had over 97 face to face meetings.
 - Five Landfill Inspection trainings have been held across the state. There has been a good level of participation.
 - The District Visits Program is updating their reporting software.
 - DSSs have also worked on creating leveraging tools for Districts to utilize and many are attending County Council meetings.
- D. Marion County SWCD
 - Marion County SWCD sent a letter to the SSCB requesting a waiver to 10 acre rule per the new District law change. Discussion followed.

Baird moved to approve Marion County's request for a waiver for their current vacant position for one term and asked that DSC develop a waiver form for future District use. Mann seconded and the motion carried.

- E. SSCB Appointment
 - Tammy Lawson stated that ISDA-DSC is still searching for Non-Ag SE representative for the SSCB. Send names to the Tammy Lawson to be submitted to the Governor for appointment.

V. Technology:

- A. Technology Workgroup Update-Jane Hardisty
 - The original Technology workgroup will reconvene to work on making sure the ICP is utilizing cutting edge computer technology in addition to field technology.
 - The group will also pursue a resource inventory for the state. Bruce Nielson will brief the SSCB at the next board meeting regarding the GIS opportunities.
- B. DSC Equipment Requests & Update-Jerod Chew
 - Trimble to demonstrate robotic equipment following the board meeting.

VI. Delivery System:

- A. Delivery System Workgroup Update-Jerod Chew
 - The Conservation Implementation Teams are still moving forward. The new robotic technology will assist the teams in increasing efficiency even further.

VII. Funding:

- A. Funding Workgroup Update-Bob Eddleman
 - The Funding workgroup is the only workgroup that has not been fully developed. Partnership leaders appointing representatives to the group. Cooperative Conservation funding will be focus of the group. The group will work to promote state conservation funding package once announced.
- B. Clean Water Indiana-Tammy Lawson
 - Last year's Supervisor Training Reimbursements have been held up in the payment process. A change in paperwork holding up process. Language changes have been made to prevent this in future rounds. The program will now be an incentive and no longer be called a reimbursement. This should allow the program to move forward as it was intended.
 - The next CWI Grant Application deadline is September 1. The contracts from last round are virtually done. A few are still out there.
 - SSCB plans to provide better feedback to unfunded proposals during the next round. Districts are encouraged to work with their DSSs to gain guidance on proposal

preparation. They are also encouraged to visit the website to review those proposals that were funded. The SSCB will place high priority on proposals that link their projects to both local business plans and the ICP strategic plan.

C. CREP-Written Report Attached

D. Rule 5 Funding Distribution:

- All the Rule 5 funds have been distributed.

VIII. Outreach:

A. Outreach Workgroup Update-Cris Goode

- Pathway is moving ahead. The steering committee and Outreach Committee have been hard at work. A real-time volunteer sign up link will go live this week.
- The River Friendly Farmer Ceremony will be on Farmer's Day, August 16th at 2 p.m. in the 4-H Exhibit Hall (located in the northwest corner of the fairgrounds in the Farm Bureau Insurance Centennial Park.)

Logos- warren moved larry seconded 1st one

B. SSCB Logo-Cris Goode

- Cris presented the board with 4 choices for SSCB logo (Attached).
Baird moved to accept the first logo. Larry Clemens seconded and the motion carried.

IX. Accountability:

A. Accountability Workgroup Update-Tammy Lawson

- The technology and accountability workgroups have decided to remain separate groups but still work closely together. One of the Accountability Workgroup's focuses will be the Resource Inventory.

X. SSCB Chairman's Report- Bob Eddleman

A. District Law Changes

- The SSCB structure has changed due to District law. The SSCB is now an all citizen board with advisors.

XI. IDEM Report-No Report

- Martha Clark Mettler asked Jerod Chew to note that they have staffed their 4 stormwater positions and are focused on Rule 5 complaints. She also noted that IDEM has recently lost two watershed specialists and will be seeking to replace them.

XII. State Association President's Report – No Report

XIII. NRCS State Conservationist's Report – Jane Hardisty-Written Report Attached

XIV. Farm Services Agency Report –No Report

XV. Indiana State Department of Agriculture Report- Tammy Lawson

A. Funding

- The Daniels Administration just announced a balanced budget. All departments, divisions and funds reduced their budget by 7%. The Administration is now preparing a budget to bring forth to the legislation. This completely new and different budget is the first of this Administration. ISDA and DSC have submitted our budget needs and have been asked to provide additional numbers for future projects. The Governor and Lt. Governor believe in rural Indiana and leveraging federal dollars. Great opportunity lies ahead.
- The Funding Workgroup will work with the state package once it is announced.

XVI. Public Comment- No Comment

XVII. SSCB Discussions

- The next SSCB meeting and agenda should reflect the District Law changes.
Changes to room set-up should include reserved seating for Advisors in the front row.
Advisor Reports should be added to the agenda.

XVIII. Next Meeting: August 8, 2006 –ISDA possibly at fairgrounds.

XIX. Adjourn

Clemens moved to adjourn the meeting. Gentry seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes Prepared By: Cris Goode

Approved By:
